(c) if so, the action taken/to be taken to ensure supply of written materials to the students in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi the School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education does not charge any postal expenses from the students residing in India, Bhutan and Nepal. It, however, chagres extra fees of Rs.1000/- towards postal charges from the students residing overseas. The University has not received any major complaint about non-supply of written material to the students by the School. Stray complaints in this regard, however, have been received and attended to as quickly as possible.

[Translation]

Avro Aeroplanes

2770. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Avro Aeroplanes in the service of Indian Air Force and the life span of each of them;

(b) the details of the inquiry report of the crash of Avro aeroplane of Air force that took place in Yelahanka on 25.3.1991;

(c) whether the aeroplane was loaded beyond its prescribed capacity and if so, how old the aeroplane was on the date of crash;

(d) whether there were no navigators in the aeroplane;

(e) if so, the number of Avro Aeroplanes crashed and ousted from the Air Force so far during the last three year;

(f) whether the crew members who died in the said crash were given any compensation, and if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government propose to consider the increase in the compensation; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The IAF have about 60 Avro Aricraft. The aircraft manufactures have not specified any total technical life for the aircraft.

(b) and (e). The Court of Inquiry in the Avro Aeroplane crash on 25.3.1991 revealed that most of the flight parameters were within the specified limits. Although the exact cause of the accident could not be conclusively established, the Court of Inquiry came to the following conclussions :-

(a) Though there was no actual engine failure, yet failure of the right engine was induced inadvertently during the flight;

(b) Though the aircraft was not overloaded for a normal take off, it exceeded the All Up Weight (AUW) limit for an exercise being carried out of short field/obstacle clearance take off.

The aircraft was manufactured on 12.7.1973.

(d) No navigator was required in the Aircraft since it was doing circuits and landings and was not on a cross country flight.

(e) Three Avros have crashed so far.

(f) All the Crew members who died in the crash were given compensation i.e., exgratia payment of Rs.1 lakh besides death-cum-gratuity, family gratuity, dependent family pension, Group Insurance, Flying Pay Linked Insurance, as per rules.

(g) and (h). There is no proposal to increase the compensation.

Land of Kheria Airport

2771. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Agra Development Authority had urged Government to provide some land belonging to Kheria Airport to connect Fatehpur Sikri Road with Arjun Nagar Road which leads to Kheria Airport Road for the easy passage of tourists; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in regard to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N.SOMU) : (a) and (b). A proposal for transfer of about 5 acres of Air Force land near Arjun Nagar Gate for Fatehpur Sikri Link Road, Agra, was received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. They were informed that their proposal can be considered subject to certain conditions.

[English]

Use of Light Houses for Advertisements

2772. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some leading industrial houses of the country have requested to use light houses for advertising their products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.